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TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, JA, PRC, HK

SUBJECT: HITACHI COMPUTER SALE TO PRC

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1. SUMMARY: LOCAL VERNACULAR PRESS DEC 22, REPORTED USG HAS
CONDITIONALLY APPROVED HITACHI COMPUTER SALE TO PRC. LOCAL PRESS
SAID GOJ AND HITACHI DID NOT REVEAL U.S. CONDITIONS, BUT IN
STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON, ASAHI OUTLINED CONDITION DETAILS.
EMBASSY NOT CONVINCED THAT CONDITION DETAILS LEAKED FROM TOKYO.
END SUMMARY.

2. ALL MAJOR VERNACULAR AND ENGLISH PAPERS CARRIED REPORT DEC 22
THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES REVEALED USG DECIDED TO CONDITION-
ALLY APPROVE HITACHI'S EXPORT OF A HITAC M-170 AND TWO M-160-II'S
COMPUTERS TO PRC. THE U.S. POLICY CHANGE IS SAID TO BE ATTRIBU-
TABLE TO (A) GOJ INFORMING USG THAT ANTI-COCOM SENTIMENT IS
APPEARING IN JAPAN; (B) THEN-FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA'S SUGGES-
TION IN THE DIET OF A NEED TO REVIEW COCOM RULES; AND (C) FACT
THAT IBM IS TO SELL A LARGE COMPUTER TO THE BANK OF CHINA (BOC)
HONG KONG BRANCH.

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3. THE REPORTS STATE THAT GOJ IS NOW REPORTED TRYING TO GET THE
USG'S FINAL APPROVAL BY INSISTING THAT IF PRC USED HITACHI'S
COMPUTERS FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN METEOROLOGICAL, JAPAN
METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY (JMA) WILL BE ABLE TO DETECT IT SINCE DATA
COLLECTED IN PEKING WITH THOSE COMPUTERS WOULD BE CONSTANTLY
SENT INTO JMA UNDER THE DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

4. GOJ SOURCES HAVE REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO DIVULGE CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY THE U.S. BECAUSE THE USG'S DECISION IS NOT FINAL. WHETHER THE PRC WILL ACCEPT U.S. CONDITIONS IS UNKNOWN. REPORTS SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT MITI AND HITACHI HAVE REFUSED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.

5. AN ASAHI WASHINGTON DISPATCH REPORTED THAT THE USG'S CONDITIONS ARE: (A) APPROPRIATE ACTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO GUARANTEE THAT THE COMPUTERS ARE NOT USED FOR CALCULATION AND ANALYSIS OF NUCLEAR ENGINEERING-RELATED DATA OR FOR MILITARY PURPOSES; (B) PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES MUST BE CUT BACK SOMEWHAT; AND (C) NO ATTEMPTS MUST BE MADE TO TRY TO REGAIN ORIGINAL PERFORMANCE CAPABILITY BY IMPROVING SOFTWARE.

6. COMMENT: IF PRESS SOURCE REFERENCES ARE ACCURATE, THE ASAHI DISPATCH ORIGINATED IN WASHINGTON, NOT TOKYO. LOCAL PRESS RELEASES WERE QUITE CLEAR ABOUT THE CONDITIONAL NATURE OF U.S. APPROVAL FOR THE SALE. ALSO, THEY DID NOT CARRY THE DETAIL EVIDENT IN THE ASAHI REPORT.
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